

**Police & License Meeting
December 8, 2020
Via Zoom**

Present

Chair, Councillor W. Cormier
Mayor L. Boucher
Councillor Mayor M. Farrell
Councillor D. Roberts
Sgt. W. McBeath, RCMP
S/Cst. S. Smith
S/Cst. J. Pellerin

D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
S. Scannell, Community Development, Acting CAO

Regrets

S/Sgt. D. Combden

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda as presented." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2020 as presented."
Motion carried.

The Chair noted that he had been updated on previous and ongoing matters related to Police & Licensing

Business from Minutes

- Electronic Ticketing (Update)

The Chair requested an update from staff. S. Scannell advised that the software purchased comes in two (2) parts, and that discussions are ongoing with the Department of Justice and local court administration as it will be introducing a new aspect to the local court, and is also awaiting approval from Halifax.

In response to a query from the Chair, it was noted staff continue to issue hard copy (written) tickets. Brief discussion took place.

- Modified Mufflers

The Chair requested comment from Sgt. W. McBeath on modified mufflers. The Chair questioned whether a picture of a car would suffice as a complaint. Sgt. W. McBeath noted that an RCMP officer would have to observe the vehicle but confirmed a picture of a vehicle would be of assistance.

- 'Jake' Brakes

The Chair noted this is a follow-up from the last meeting. Councillor D. Roberts noted that 'No Engine Braking' signs have been erected in the area of Cloverville Road/College Street. She further noted that Hawthorne Street may need to be looked at.

S.Cst. S. Smith advised that signage is in place on Hawthorne Street.

Matter to be stricken from the Agenda.

S/Cst. Smith further advised that crosswalk flags have been installed as requested by the previous Chair.

Ongoing

- Indian Garden Trailer Park (Garbage, Cats)

Sgt. J. Pellerin reported that there is a new owner for both Indian Garden and Beaverbrook Trailer Parks. Both he and S. Scannell have met with the new owner and have ongoing files for both parks.

Councillor D. Roberts noted she had gone over various matters including letters to a tenant with an expiry date regarding garbage. She questioned whether the issue was resolved.

The Chair stated a clean up had taken place within Indian Garden Trailer Park and the matter appears to have been resolved. Discussion took place.

Matter to remain on agenda.

- Parking Study

The Chair noted that a parking study has stalled due to Covid. He provided comment on changes to planning documents which no longer requires new development to provide parking, noting he does not want pressure applied to Town parking for existing employees and businesses.

S. Scannell requested discussion continue at the next meeting.

S.Cst. S. Smith provided comment, and it was noted that this matter has been identified as an issue. Discussion took place.

Councillor D. Roberts raised a concern from a resident regarding parking in the area of Bantry Lane. The Chair noted the resident should file a complaint. By-law staff provided comment noting they deal with such matters as they arise.

- Lights at Crosswalks and Intersections

The Chair requested By-law staff advise should they feel there is a desire for other areas to have better lighting or require additional budget consideration to advise S. Scannell.

S.Cst. Smith noted not all work from last year could not be completed, however, work is ongoing and a supplier will be coming to Town to provide comment to staff.

Discussion took place.

- **Crosswalk – Corner of Acadian and Main Streets**

Discussion took place on the crosswalk at the corner of Acadia and Main Streets, and it was noted that a tree in the vicinity needs to be kept trimmed and that a light should perhaps be moved.

S. Cst. S. Smith provided comment noting the area is dark. He noted the crosswalk in question is earmarked for improvement.

Councillor M. Farrell brought forth the idea of possibly moving the crosswalk to the other side of Acadia Street which may result in improvement.

S.Cst. S. Smith indicated her suggestion could be looked at.

S. Scannell provided comment noting the consultant indicated with the number of crosswalks on Main Street, that they could be condensed which would have seen the crosswalks near the library and Acadia Street eliminated and one located between the two, which would require some capital investment. He provided further comment noting why it was not further pursued at the time.

New Business

- **Parking Along Braemore Avenue**

The Chair referred to a past issue where parking was reduced from both sides of the street to only one side of the street.

Councillor M. Farrell noted a resident expressed concern from The Heights to Highland Drive seeing vehicles parked in this area causing problems for buses getting through. She requested the resident file a complaint and questioned whether staff have received concerns regarding buses.

S.Cst. S. Smith provided comment, noting a complaint initially came from the Straight Regional School Board, and provided comment on what he has seen. He further noted that speeding in the area appears to be more of an issue.

Discussion took place. Item to be removed from agenda.

- **Front Yard Consumption of Alcohol**

The Chair noted he had received comments from residents on this matter and provided comment. He questioned whether it is against the law to consume alcohol in front yards. Sgt. W. McBeath stated he did not feel this was contrary to the liquor control act. Discussion took place.

S. Scannell agreed to look into the matter further and provided comment on the Town of Wolfville.

Brief discussion took place on the St. FX Community Code.

Updates

- **Rooming House Update – Registration and Inspection**

The Chair provided comments on rooming houses and recent changes. S. Scannell provided comment noting 76 have been registered, mostly voluntary. Staff had previously identified

approximately 78 units which need to be looked in to. Eleven pending further investigation, of those two came forward and registered, one pending further enforcement, and eight resolved by other means, and provided further comment, noting planning inspection staff have been carrying out some inspections, however, Covid, along with other matters, have slowed things somewhat. He provided further comment.

The Chair provided comment. S. Scannell responded, noting there is one residence that will be pending a follow up letter that may lead to further action. He noted it is staff's intention to ensure that their efforts will 'stick'.

Reports

- **By-law Enforcement**

S.Cst. S. Smith noted winter parking ban began first of December, Christmas parade into neighborhoods went over very well, and commended staff. Regular matters ongoing.

S.Cst. J. Pellerin noted a matter is proceeding to court on accumulation of materials and agreed to provide an update as the matter proceeds.

Councillor M. Farrell provided positive comment on the Christmas events that took place this past weekend.

- **RCMP**

Sgt. W. McBeath noted discussion is ongoing with the University on the return of students after the Christmas break. He provided comment on staffing noting some staff are out due to issues in the fishery.

Sgt. W. McBeath noted the detachment recently received a noise meter, and will now be able to provide measurement support for homes, vehicles, etc. He provided further comment on modified mufflers.

Sgt. W. McBeath provided comment on staffing matters here and elsewhere. Brief discussion ensued with Councillors providing comment.

- **St. FX University Representative**
Report unavailable.

- **St. FX Student Union**
Report unavailable.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 PM.